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SUBJECT: POPPY RESEARCH AND UTRECHT CANNABIS MEETING

REF: GOUGH/NOZIGLIA LETTER APRIL 9

TO GOUGH FROM QUENTIN JONES

1. SEED SAMPLES PROVIDED BY UN LABORATORY GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

2. BRAENDEN'S SUGGESTION OF SIX-MONTH CONTRACT FOR AGRONOMIST NOT REALISTIC. FIRST WE COULD NOT INTEREST US AGRONOMIST IN SUCH A SHORT-TERM ASSIGNMENT. SECOND AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, ENVISAGED RESEARCH WILL CALL FOR MUCH MORE AGRONOMIC THAN CHEMICAL INPUT IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE GOAL OF UPGRADING MORPHINE YIELD IN OPIUM POPPY. BEGIN FYI: PRESENT STAFF OF UN LABORATORY HAS NO EXPERTISE IN BOTANY/ AGRONOMY AND THEREFORE DOES NOT APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FACT TO THE SUCCESS OF PROJECT. END FYI.

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3. I BELIEVE LABORATORY WILL NEED STAFF AGRONOMIST FOR THE

DURATION OF RESEARCH PROJECT.

4. DA HAS HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE OF DEMONSTRATED ABILITY. HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE ASSIGNMENT IF IT WILL LAST AT LEAST TWO YEARS, BUT LABORATORY WILL HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY

IF IT IS TO PLACE HIM BEFORE HE MUST MAKE OTHER COMMITMENTS. WE ARE SUBMITTING COMPLETED PERSONNEL DATA FORMS DIRECTLY TO DR. BRAENDEN AS REQUESTED.

5. PHILIP G. VINCENT, BELTSVILLE, WOULD BE THE NOMINEE FROM USDA TO UTRECHT MEETING OF CANNABIS EXPERTS. I BELIEVE NOMINATION OF PERSON FROM UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MORE PROPERLY PREROGATIVE OF DR. DOORENBOS.

6. WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP MORE DETAILS ON UTRECHT MEETING OF CANNABIS EXPERTS, SUCH AS ITS DATES AND WHETHER UN LABORATORY IS FUNDING TRAVEL OF US PARTICIPANTS. KISSINGER

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